GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:199
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CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Government has not ratified the ILO ConventionNo. 182 on elimination of worst forms of child labour from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the Government propose to ratify this Convention; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to create a congenial environment at workplace for child labour?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION I 199 FOR 08.03.2000 BY SHRI ANNAZAHEB M.K. PATIL REGARDING CHILD LABOUR.

The 87 Session of International LabourConference (ILC) heldin June, 1999 unanimously adopted ILO Convention No. 182. for the purpose of the Convention the terms `the worst form of child labour` comprises:

(i) all forms of slavery or practices similar to slavery, such as the sale and trafficking of children, debt bondage and serfdom and forced or compulsory labour, including forced or compulsory recruitment of children for use in armed conflict;

(ii) the use, procuring or offering of a child for prostitution, for the production of pornography or for pornographic performances;

(iii) the use, procuring or offering of a child for illicit activities, in particular for the production and trafficking of drugs as defined in the relevant international treaties;

(iv) work which, by its nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is likely to harm the health, safety or morals of children.

Soon after adoption of the Convention at the 87th Session of the ILO at Geneva in June, 1999, Government have initiated the process for Ratification of Convention No. 182. TheChild Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 regulates the working conditions of children in all employments which are not prohibited under the Act. This includes working hours, weekly holiday and health and safety measures creating a congenial environment at workplace for child labour.